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Subject: Re: Contract renewal for FY 2018
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:54:24 AM
Importance: High

Laura -

Thank you for the DRAFT Grant Agreement Between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Real Alternatives. We have had an opportunity to review the terms and conditions, and we do have some questions. Some of those questions hinge on the answer to our first, general inquiry.

In paragraph 2.A., a selection is available for "Subrecipient relationship (federal funding)" or "Recipient (non-federal funding)". In addition, there are several section that would apply only if federal funding is involved. However, regarding budgetary matters, we were informed by Dallas Davis that "the TANF portion actually must be reported on the **state** expenditures line. We do not provide reimbursement for the federal source of funds." (emphasis added here)

We are therefore treating the funds as **state only**, and we want to confirm that this is also your understanding of the nature of our funding before we raise other potential questions that may or may not be required depending upon your response.

We await your reply.

Thank you!
Tom Lang
V.P of Operations

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Hi Kevin,

MDHHS has made a number of changes since we started your current agreement. I have attached a copy of our standard grant boilerplate for your review. This is the agreement we will be asking your agency to enter into for FY 2018.

Thank you!

Laura

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Hi Laura:

Tom Lang will be our lead for you on this. Cliff McKeown and I will also be unique users.

Do you foresee any changes to the agreement or is the change just the transition to the EGrAMS?

Thanks,

Kevin

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Subject: RE: Contract renewal for FY 2018

Hi Kevin,

In reviewing the Financial Status Reports, it appears Real Alternatives should be finalizing spending on the current grant by the end of September.

MDHHS moved to an electronic grants management model several years ago. As your agency is set to finish spending on your current agreement, we would like to issue a new agreement, rather than amending the current grant, through our electronic grant system, EGrAMS. The system will allow you to enter in your Statement of Work and Budget, as well as complete reporting throughout the

year.

In order to use the EGrAMS system, we need to start with having users from your agency register for the system. Who would you like me to work with? Ultimately, your agency should have three unique users, but I would like to start with assisting a Project Director who can then help others at your agency complete the registration process.

Thank you,
Laura

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Thanks Quess!

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Good morning Kevin,
Laura Geist from Contracts will soon be in touch with you regarding getting this coming year's

contract in place. You'll recall that Laura is the person you worked with to get the current contract in place last winter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

I'm looking forward to meeting Tom at the site monitoring visit in Niles next month.

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Subject: Re: Contract renewal for FY 2018

Hi Quess,

We have not been contacted by anyone about this coming year's renewal. THANK YOU for following –up! Who would be contacting us on this? Could you e-mail them to get the ball rolling?

Thanks,

Kevin

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Hello Kevin,

I'm wondering if you have been in touch with Contracts, regarding this contract renewal. You'll recall we contracted this past year through September 30, 2017. So I'm thinking we need to get moving on the new contract year. I believe contracts is now trying to move all contracts to the EGrants system. That would ease the issues with reimbursement that we've had this year, since this is one of the very few programs not on the system.

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